

DEALERS TO FIGHT FOR REDUCED RATE

Washington Associations Plan to File Protest Against New Railroad Tariff.

Indications today point to the early beginnings of a fight for reduced freight rates for Washington merchants. This campaign will, in all probability, take the place of a fight for confinement of the store door delivery, which the Pennsylvania railroad has ordered cut after September 1.

Attorneys for the Washington merchants declare that their plans are incomplete and that they have not decided at which angle they will attack the problem, but from other sources it is indicated that the local men, unlike the Baltimoreans, will not make their campaign the claim that the railroad is eliminating the store door delivery because of the fact that it now has water competition throttled.

Attorney Chapin Brown, of the Chamber of Commerce, and Attorney M. D. Rosenberg, of the Retail Merchants' Association, probably will file tomorrow a protest against the proposed Pennsylvania's new law, and they will proceed with plans for their fight.

If the Interstate Commerce Commission decides to grant a hearing on the protest, continuance of the store-door delivery is being sought, but in all probability the local stores will have to seek to have the rates reduced. This will mean that Washington merchants will have to undertake their own hauling.

Baltimore merchants, on the other hand, will fight the elimination of store-door delivery. They will maintain, as they did in the first ported out, that the water route is more costly than the rail route, and succeeded in throttling the water business. Now, with this new law, they are seeking to take off the delivery charges, according to the Baltimore merchants.

TROOPS GUARD CITY FROM 'BLACK FLEET'

Forts Are Manned to Protect

New York in Mimic War to Begin at Midnight.

NEW YORK, Aug. 3.—The troops placed in the various forts that guard the entrance to Long Island Sound to protect the city from capture by the "black fleet" are waiting for the first move in the war game set for midnight tonight. The Atlantic fleet, representing an attacking force, will advance from Nantuxet, endeavor to evade the vigilance of the coast defenders on the outlying islands and make their way into the sound, running the chain of forts guarding the eastern entrance.

Every development of defense in modern warfare will be employed by the coast artillery, under the supervision of Maj. Gen. Thomas H. Barry, commander of the Department of the East, to frustrate this move.

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The key forts are Forts H. G. Wright, Fort Mifflin, closed by New London, commanded by Lieut. Col. J. C. ...

Entrance Will Be "Mined."

The whole region of the entrance will be mined theoretically.

The heavy ordnance in the forts will not be used, but field pieces mounted on the parapets will be fired. The heavy guns, however, will be handled just the same as if in actual service.

The first real sign of the approaching enemy, designated as the "black fleet," will be the running into the harbor of the vessels of the Revenue Cutter Service, the lighthouse tenders, and ships of the coast patrol.

As the "black fleet" approaches they

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Aug. 3.—Senator Sterling R. Catlin several months ago received a goat from his friend, Dr. C. F. Church. The Senator, who is a lover of animals, took the goat to his home and made a pet of it. Recently Mr. Catlin was called away from his stock, from

telephone, and when he returned, he found the goat had devoured a lot of valuable papers which were being kept on record. In the lot were the Philadelphia proceedings of the senatorial investigating committee, of which Senator Catlin was the chairman.

The lawmaker was much put out, but he did not get angry with the goat, which showed signs of sickness. Instead, he sent for a veterinarian, but before the latter arrived the goat died. Mr. Catlin thinks the ani-